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Original Poetry.

Faith.

From the "Wesleyan Missionary Magazine."
 I will trust thee, though I cannot see thee,
 My shepherd, Saviour, God,
 The way is dark, and I am weary, weary,
 But thou hast a path that leads to light,
 I will not pause, nor turn aside, nor sorrow,
 But onward I will go,
 Friends fall, the sun is setting, and to-morrow,
 For me it may not dawn.
 The night approaches, let it come, the Master
 Will light the pillar of flame,
 And I shall see my way, and faster, faster,
 Press onward in his name.
 Shouts sound behind me, men revile his glory,
 Dark shadows fall around,
 He demands how to hear the Gospel story
 Out of the depths profound.
 Heed not, my soul, but upward, onward pressing,
 Still keep the prize in sight;
 Thou crown unending, still its hope possessing,
 Be guided by its light.
 Still keep thine eye upon its heavenly treasure,
 Turn not aside thy gaze;
 Strike stout, resistless hand! at earth-born pleasure,
 Uddared by its blaze.
 Press on, my spirit, towards the Eternal Son,
 Be foremost in the race—
 "Thou art immortal, till thy work is done"—
 And others take thy place.
 Cry out aloud! "My God, I love, I love thee!"
 I will love none but thee."
 With glorious FAITH and TRUTH within, above
 thee,
 His face thou soon shalt see.

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 O'erly aloud! those words that from thy spirit—
 Unleaded though they fall—
 The coming ages gladly shall inherit,
 And echo through them all.
 O high light up thy voice, O soul immortal!
 Thy words may yet become
 The talismanic sounds to open the portal
 Of other lips else dumb.
 Thy words may move the ages yet to be,
 And mould all future time;
 Thy words may fill the earth like melody
 From the everlasting clime;
 Then speed thee onward, through the sunning
 of life.
 Of human grief and sin;
 And in thy mirror'd depths shall still abide
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Religious Intelligence.

Minutes of the General Committee on the Indian Mutiny.

At a very numerous and well-attended Meeting of the General Committee of the Wesleyan Methodist Society, held at the Centenary Hall, October 21st, 1847.

THE PRESIDENT OF THE CONFERENCE in the Chair, the following Resolutions were passed unanimously:—

I. That, in common with the great body of their fellow-subjects, the Committee has viewed with the most serious concern the appalling events which have recently occurred in India, arising from the mutiny of the Bengal army;—the authority of the British Government disputed throughout a territory of many hundred miles in extent, and comprising many millions of inhabitants; the slaughter of Englishmen and their families, without regard to rank, age, or sex;—the destruction of a vast amount of property, including Missionary Colleges, Churches, Schools, and Printing Presses, as well as the annihilation of the Government of the Government;—and the consequent interruption and suspension of preaching and education, which were extensively and successfully carried on under the direction of various Societies, and of many plans which were in operation for the improvement of the moral and physical condition of the natives. In these disastrous occurrences the Committee recognises the chastising hand of an offended God, whose wrath has been justly provoked by the unbelief and wickedness of the natives in India, by the national disregard of their hereditary and civil rights, and by the selfish interests of the people committed to British care, and living under British rule and protection.

II. That this Committee regards with deep commiseration and sympathy the case of the sufferers in this widespread calamity; and that they have been driven from their homes, and sustained the loss of friends and property, and with those Missionary Societies, American as well as British, whose Missionaries have been martyred, and their work destroyed or interrupted; and with the native Christians, who have been driven from their homes, and deprived of the peaceful enjoyment of the public means of grace; and with our brave soldiers, who have had to endure such great hardships, and to suffer the loss of many comrades, all ranks in the British army, and the heroic and self-sacrificing endeavors to stem the torrent of mutiny, and restore the blessings of peace and good government to the distracted provinces. It views with especial gratification the subscription now in progress throughout the country to relieve the sufferers, and the liberality of the friends of the Society in taking a worthy place on the list of subscribers; and it records its firm persuasion that all the friends of the Society will feel it a duty to aid the Relief Fund, and by their contributions to relieve the sufferers, and to glorify themselves in the support of a fund which has a worthy place on the list of subscribers; and it records its firm persuasion that all the friends of the Society will feel it a duty to aid the Relief Fund, and by their contributions to relieve the sufferers, and to glorify themselves in the support of a fund which has a worthy place on the list of subscribers; and it records its firm persuasion that all the friends of the Society will feel it a duty to aid the Relief Fund, and by their contributions to relieve the sufferers, and to glorify themselves in the support of a fund which has a worthy place on the list of subscribers; and it records its

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A Retrospective Glance.

THE issue of the first number of the Provincial Wesleyan for the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-Eight naturally suggests to our minds the propriety of tendering to our numerous readers those congratulations and good wishes which are usual at this season.

Looking back upon the year that is now termed old, our memory recounts the names, and recalls the forms, of many who were wont to scan the columns of this paper, but whose eyes are now closed in death.

Our Province was in the past year the scene of other changes administrative of the uncertain tenure by which those in high places hold possession.

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Religious Services of the New Year.

THE last day of the old year was stormy. Rain descended copiously upon the previously fallen snow, and evening's cold congealed the mass, so that our streets with their smooth icy surface were inviting only to the most adventurous pedestrians.

The Reverend James Ewald took a leading part in the services of the evening. After the first hymn had been sung, he called upon two lay brethren to engage in prayer.

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A Sermon.

ON OCCASION OF THE DEATH OF THE REV. WILLIAM BENSLEY, PREACHED AT HALIFAX, N. S., ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1857.

BY THE REV. MATTHEW RICHIE, D. D.

"Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel, and afterwards receive me to glory. Whom have I in heaven but thee? and there is none upon earth that I desire beside thee."

The hallowed tranquility amidst the cares and vicissitudes of life, and in the anticipation of death, so vividly mirrored in this passage, affords a species of evidence which all may appreciate, that the religion of the Bible—essentially the same under every dispensation—is no cunningly devised fable.

In order justly to appreciate the nature of the happiness that dictated the language of the text, it is necessary to advert to the fact, clearly indicated in the previous verses, that it was not merely the fruit of faith, but the reward of fidelity.

In science and in art the old year had its triumphs, and its failures. The grand exhibition of Art Treasures at Manchester was a noteworthy indication of the civilization and refinement of the age.

ries? or, steadfast in the faith, resist the foe, and, conscious of my helplessness without celestial succour, avail myself of my wondrous and never-failing resource, the Mercy-seat of my covenant-keeping God?

I have selected this passage as furnishing a suitable theme for our meditation on the present solemn occasion; and, I doubt not, all who are acquainted with the protracted Christian life and peaceful end of the venerable Minister of the Lord Jesus Christ, who has recently finished his course, and in reference to the occasion of whose death this service has been appointed, will readily accord with me in so regarding it.

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for the Lord God giveth them light; and they shall reign forever and ever." In a heart whose affections are set on things that are above, no room is left for "evil concupiscences, and covetousness, which is idolatry."

In conclusion I would say with the prophet of old, "The Lord be with you, and keep you, the Lord cause his love to shine upon you, and give you peace." May every blessing of the new and better Covenant be yours, and may we all, having this testimony, that we have pleased God, be found at length, with a loud cheer, in the Kingdom of his dear Son, to sing "Worthy is the Lamb."

Dear friends, adieu, Yours in Christ Jesus, (Signed) FRANCIS JOHNSTON.

Newfoundland.

REVIVAL ON THE PELICAN CIRCUIT. A letter from the Rev. A. W. Nicholson, dated December 17th, says:—

The Lord has visited us with a gracious outpouring of His Spirit. On my return from the Missionary deputation my mind was directed to Grates Cove as being in need of immediate attention. A series of special services was commenced; and soon this place, which for forty years has not been blessed with any special revivals, was baptized with fire.

At the other end of the line, the first ten miles from the Bend to Nixon's, have been taken by Messrs. McEwen & McDonald of Nova Scotia, late contractors on the Halifax and Windsor line; the next section of seven miles from Nixon's along the Petiscoad into Sussex Vale, has been taken by Messrs. Thomas and O'Brien of the same province.

One word on the results of the blessing. Owing to the absence of our people at the Bay, the revival has not been so extensive as we had anticipated.

Our good Superintendent, Mr. Peach, with confidence for his services to the Missionary Meeting at Grates Cove, it was determined to postpone the taking up of the collection. The 8th of December was accordingly appointed for that purpose.

It will be remembered that, some months ago, the Belgian Ministers, who were wholly under the control of Ultramontane influences, introduced a law into the Belgian Chambers to place all the charities of the kingdom under the management of the Jesuits.

The little kingdom of Belgium has recently been the theatre of a good deal of political agitation, having its rise in the struggle for power between the ecclesiastical and the civil powers.

General Intelligence.

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It commenced in a building, situated at White Street, belonging to Mr. James L. White. The fire broke out at about 10 o'clock in the morning, and the building was almost completely destroyed.

Several of these have since been taken up by the Cabinet, and are now in the hands of the Attorney-General. Some of them are of great value, and are being preserved as a national collection.

The elections have been decided, and the results are as follows:—Mr. R. P. B. has been elected for the Province of New Brunswick, and Mr. J. B. for the Province of Nova Scotia.

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Poetry. The Round of Life. Some are serving—some are commanding; Some are sitting—some are standing;

Miscellaneous. Pencillings by the Way. I left Perth in the express mail boat for Constantinople, which was advertised to go through in six days.

Ayer's Pills. For Constipation and Liver Complaints. This is the only medicine that will cure the most obstinate cases of Constipation.

Government Contract. TENDERS FOR FRESH BEEF. The DEPUTY COMMISSIONER GENERAL will receive tenders for the purchase of fresh beef.

FALL IMPORTATIONS. DRESS MATERIALS. Shawls, Mantles, Ribbons, &c. The Subscriber has received per White Star.

Notice of Co-Partnership. September 22, 1857. The Subscriber has taken into partnership Mr. Henry W. H. H. H.

PRO MOHR'S GERMAN FLY PAPER. Rat and Roach Exterminator. This is the only safe and reliable article ever offered to the public.

Agriculture. The Time for Mental Improvement. As winter is peculiarly the season for mental improvement among those engaged in rural pursuits.

The Maelstrom. Beyond Tybor, in his last letter from the north of Europe, he describes this marvellous phenomenon.

Ayer's Cherry Pectoral. Has long been manufactured by a practical chemist, and is one of the most valuable remedies for coughs and bronchitis.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS. To remove from the system all impurities of the blood, and to restore the system to its normal state.

ALBION HOUSE. 32 GRANVILLE STREET. General Importers of British and Foreign Dry Goods.

COFFEE, COFFEE. At the Tea and Coffee Mart. 75 BAGS of Superior COFFEE.

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Domestic Recipes. PICKLING AND KEEPING HAM—Lay them down in a preparation of seven pounds of salt, mixed with half a pound of coarse sugar.

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Headache. HOLLOWAY'S PILLS. For the cure of Headache, Nausea, and other ailments.

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